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Arrivals.

August 21. **MIRKOWA**, French steamer, 1,910. Tugs. Marseilles 16th July, Naples 19th. Port Port 21st, Su 22, 23rd, Aden 29th. Galle 7th August, Singapore 14th and Saigon 17th. Manila and General Messageries Maritimes.

August 22. **MEMPHIS**, German steamer, 1,065. H. Schulz, Bremen 15th August, Rio and General, W.M. Purser & Co.

August 22. **PEARL**, British sloop, 705. Munk, Singapore 15th August. General—Soon China.

August 22. **ROMA**, British steamer, 605. A. G. Walker, Swatow 21st August; General—Kwai Achin.

August 22. **CANSHI**, British sloop, 1,240. J. Banton, Liverpool 9th July, and Singap. 16th August. General—MELKERS & Co.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, AUGUST 22D.

Vidal, French bark, for Kielung. James Shepherd, British ship, for Cebu. Deutschland, German bark, for Nieuw Nieuw, British steamer, for East Coast. Foden, British bark, for Guam.

Departures.

August 22. **RAJAH**, British sloop, for Swatow. August 22. **MONTES**, French bark, for New York. August 22. **ACHILLAS**, British sloop, for Singap. and London.

August 22. **NAMOA**, Brit. sloop, for East Coast. August 22. **JUNO**, French bark, for Choo. August 22. **JEDO**, Dutch ship, for Batavia.

August 22. **NINHO**, Brit. sloop, for Shanghai.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.

Per **Melk**, str. from Marseilles, &c. — For **London**.

From Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Messrs. Henton, Alice, Hawley, Morris, W. and Draper. Fred. Maddey—Mr. R. P. Lefevre. From Singapore—Mr. Kramer and 20 Chinese.

For Shanghai.

From Marseilles—M. de la Mornay, Tassier, Beckman, Bouc and Vicker.

From Marseilles—M. Trimboli, Cristoforo, Gherardi, Stilling and Stromberg. From Naples—M. M. J. Bagnate, Pietro, Berardi, Egidio Parro, Pierre Savio, J. B. Vigno, Principe Belli, Porquato, Andrew, J. Butta, Joseph, Pato, A. Fontane, V. Capellone, Emanuele, Cavigli, Louis Ferriero, Carlo Gravio, Giovanna Manzini, and Co.

Per **Perfume**, str. from Bangkok — 16 Chinese.

Per **Scammon**, str. from Singapore — 15 Chinese.

For **London**, str. from Swatow — Captain Lloyd, Messrs. Thos. Young and Murphy, Shev. L. European and 21 Chinese.

Per **Gadsden**, str. from Liverpool, &c. — 30 Chinese.

Departed.

Per **Namoa**, str. for East Coast — 30 Chinese.

Reports.

The British steamer **Norma** reports left Swatow on 21st August, and had light N.E. winds all the passage.

The British steamer **Westerly** reports left Liverpool on 9th July, and Singap. on 19th, and had fine weather throughout.

The British steamer **Pearl** reports left Singapore on 15th August. The first part of passage had Westerly and N.W. winds; the latter part Easterly winds and rain.

The German steamer **Paul** reports left Bangkok on 15th August. The first part of the passage had S.W. winds. The last three days N. Easterly winds and much rain.

The French mail steamer **Melk** reports left Marseilles on 16th July, Naples on the 18th, Port Said on the 21st, Suez on the 23rd, Aden on the 29th, Galle 7th August, and Singap. on the 14th, and Saigon on the 17th. Had very strong N.E. winds and rough weather.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from Ports in China, Japan, and Manilla.

(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Vessels Name. From. Date of Arrival.

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no direct evidence of the actual shooting of the nuns by particular persons could be obtained. The case was commenced on Monday before the Senior Magistrate, and concluded yesterday. It appeared during the progress of the trial that the Worship was inclined to take the side of the nuns, and was anxious to have the captain to take them back on condition that they consented to behave properly during the remainder of the voyage; but the captain considered that he had a public duty to perform, and refused to withdraw the charge. The result of the case was that six of the eight men were discharged with a caution, the Courts among them that the Captain had not been able to take the side of the nuns, and the two remaining men, the fourth engineer, and Balantine, a fireman, were awarded the very slight punishment of three weeks' and one week's imprisonment respectively, with hard labour. We had occasion to make some remarks a short time ago about the necessity entailed upon magistrates in seaport towns, by the large increase in the number and variety of seafarers, to do with principles of justice, and then, turn a blind eye to the actual conduct. This is not the case with all such offenders; whenever a case was clearly against them; and we think it unfortunate that the Senior Magistrate has seen fit to punish so lightly the prisoners on this occasion. In the case of Johnston, at all events, surely in the interest of property and justice, a much heavier sentence should have been imposed. Johnston is, however, far superior to the other offenders, and it is to be presumed that he is their superior in intelligence and knowledge of the consequences of his act. He was evidently a ringleader in the revolt against lawful authority, and though there was no direct evidence that he or any of the others actually checked the pump there was a strong presumption that he at any rate knew of it. It is well known to seafarers, that when with many others, perhaps under circumstances more grave, may be effected by an impressive and warning lecture by the severe chastisement, but surely the magisterial province is to award summary and effectual punishment to offenders against the law, sufficient not only to correct the fault in the delinquent, but to indicate to others the extreme danger they run. The case of Johnston is, however, not necessarily in the case an example should have been made. We do not say that Balantine or any of the other men ought to have been punished equally with Johnston, but his sentence is proportionately excessively inadequate as the first prisoner. It is greatly to be regretted that the men who organised and performed the act of closing the pumps, and who, it is believed, had no other object in view than to have them, so that they might have been punished according to their deserts. Several vessels, notably the *Coronet*, have recently left Bombay apparently in a sound and seaworthy condition and have never been heard of again; and it is well known, without severe check, to stop and maliciously commit such damage was done to a very important part of the machinery of the *SS. S. Albion*, may lead to loss of many other crafts being added to the melancholy list of missing ships—*Bombay Gazette*, July 27th.

THE ROUTE FROM AUSTRALIA TO CHINA.

The week of the *Isle de la Borne* Shantung suggests a return to the new route from Australia to China, discovered by Captain Moreby, in the *Barbado*, and by which many of the dangers of the old route, and notably that which proved fatal to the *Isle de la Borne*, may be avoided. The *Isle de la Borne* was going from Australia to China, and, no doubt, was making her way northward, through the South China Sea, and so into the *Barbado*. Had she taken Captain Moreby's route through "China Straits," and along the East Coast of New Guinea, the only danger of New Caledonia would have been avoided. By this new route vessels leaving Australia for China will keep to the westward of the present or old route until they pass the south-eastern end of New Guinea, and then turn to the south, to the *Barbado*. There appears to be no question as to the superiority of the new route, and comparative freedom from the dangers arising from the overlying reefs and shoals. The labours of Captain Moreby and his officers will hereafter be duly appreciated. It may be that a more complete survey of the waters in the neighbourhood of the Denmark Islands will be required to complete the information required for the new route; but this supplementary work can be readily performed by any of Her Majesty's ships on the station, and we shall probably soon hear that it has been accomplished.

ACROSS THE CHANNEL IN A CANOE.

Lieutenant Colville, of the Grenadier Guards, a young man whose courage is only equalled by his modesty, amused himself on Derby Day by crossing the Channel in a canoe. Starting from the *Canal de l'Ourcq*, he paddled by the Dover road, with a light summer canoe, one of the "Maidenhead" "canoe-shells"—weighing about thirty pounds, and measuring about fourteen feet in length, with a change of clothes and a bottle of cold tea, he prepared himself for the task of paddling across the Channel. There was no mayor, as crowd, as special correspondent to see him off, but only a few who were looking forward to the crossing. At the school-district on Derby morning—he started from Dover harbour, and paddled his self into Calais harbour by half-past nine, doing about thirty miles zigzag across Channel in six hours and a half. His reception on the French side was not enthusiastic. He went on board the mail steamer, lying ready for her to sail to Dover, and so he found by a French official who demanded a receipt for that injured ton which a Frenchman knows so well how to assume. He did not pay the dues, but changed his clothes and had his breakfast on board the steamer, returning the same day to London. An effort of pure courage his voyage beats both Webb's and Boyton's—*World*.

THE MATRIMONIAL LOTTERY.

An ingenious arithmetician at Cincinnati has recently amused himself by calculating the matrimonial chances of spinsterettes at various ages. Out of every 1000 taken under review, 1000 women marrying between 14 and 40, the chances to be as follows:—At 14 and 15 years 32 become brides; at 16 and 17 104; at 18 and 19 219; at 20 and 21 238; at 22 and 23 165; and at 24 and 25 102. Here there is a sudden fall, the next biennial period giving only 60 marriages; 28 and 29 years, 45; 30 and 31 18; 32 and 33 14. To the remaining years the author has added a double bar to the worthiness of these latter statistics. Unless American women differ very considerably from their sisters in England, it is impossible to conceive any means by which so many as 46 were induced to acknowledge themselves past 30 years old when they entered matrimony. In all probability, these who pretend guilty of the terrible infidelity, are really guilty of the same. It is not unusual for a friend to tell a young man to add a few years to their true age. These comes the happy period when the birth register may be referred to, should occasion arise, with out fear of dreadful revelations. But the sixth biennial approaches completion, the number frequently shows a strange tendency to decrease. This is a curious illustration of the law of probability, which the author does not very satisfactorily account for. According to him, it would be 95 4 chances of getting married before she reaches 30, to 46 that occur between that age and 40. It is true that this calculation does not include her chances beyond the latter age, probably because the Cincinnati philosopher considered them too remote for consideration. But we cannot conceive that any girl would make out common sense and experience, to believe that the human character, especially the female—does not reach stability until after 30 years of age. But after all, what have common sense and experience to do with matrimonial arrangements?—*Globe*.

Persia, while independent, cannot become Russian in feeling, but Russian supremacy is over-shadowing Persia, and one reason why the spell of Russian mystery is felt is that the voice of Russian, which presents itself to the ear, is not only a language of mankind, but the only refuge from the misery of which they dream—*Saturnus Review*.

The Abbé Manse, Senior Dean at Nancy Cathedral, formerly the secretary of the bishop of the diocese, dying, at the age of 80, left his fortune, estimated at 300,000 francs, to his housekeeper, Marie Lauer, aged 60, who had lived with him for 30 years, and was supported by the village on the ground that the late Abbé believed that St. Joseph in a vision had dictated it. The Nancy Tribunal has ordered an inquiry.

TEMPERANCE AND LONG LIFE.

A curious point has been raised about the United Kingdom Temperance and General Protection Institution. This society insures total abstainers at a lower rate than non-abstainers, and it has been argued that the result of the experiment of *Isle de la Borne* is above the calculation. It was, for instance, expected that 723 of the total abstainers would die in five years and £140,000 be paid to the survivors, instead of which only 511 persons died and only £67,000 was paid. On the "general" side of the office 1,262 deaths were anticipated, and £500 overpaid. The result is that the *Isle de la Borne* has come to the total abstainers, and when the bonus came to be distributed there was great dissatisfaction that quite half of it went to the temperance section. At the annual meeting this fact was dilated upon with some warmth. But the actuary at once set matters right. He pointed out that the distribution of bonus was a mere matter of arithmetic. It was not the intention of the society to do with principles of practice, but then, there was a general understanding that the *Isle de la Borne* was not to be distributed to the temperance section. At the annual meeting this fact was dilated upon with some warmth. But the actuary at once set matters right. He pointed out that the distribution of bonus was a mere matter of arithmetic. It was not the intention of the society to do with principles of practice, but then, there was a general understanding that the *Isle de la Borne* was not to be distributed to the temperance section.

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Extracts.

THE WIFE FOR A BRITISH SAILOR
FROM "SONG FOR SAILORS"

You and white is the lassie's cheek,
Aut week is the lassie's hand;
Of woman's work they plainly speak,
Of the sailor's work, they will not speak.

So the lassie said that for she will long
That the rough deck's learned to stand,
Whose hand the hand at the rope made strong,
And whose cheek the storm's made red;

By the week white lassie who will pass,
For a sailor's love, I had her;
The lassie's love was heated fast,
Fit with a British sailor.

Tell her she must be a scaramouche,
That he had long away;
That lonely he had his sailor life,
And when he'd be back, he'd be a scaramouche?

"If my sailor, I'd be from me long,
The deck doctored to tread,
In the tempest his love grows more strong,
And his cheeks grow red more red."

Sailor, I'd be from me long to pass,
Thinking how to kill all the lassies;
His own, his true, he'd longed for last;
But the wife for a British sailor.

SAVAGE JOURNALISM.

Although the legion of newspapers printed in Paris has already increased to an uncon-
trollable size, it seems that the ingenuity of
their originators is nowise exhausted. One
of the last appearances was the *Journal des
Abribus*, a title which we have no reason
to translate than the "abribus" newspaper.

Those who have had the privilege of reading
this pretentious offspring of the press declare
that its contents fully justify the name
bestowed upon it by its fond parents. But

the *Journal des Abribus* has now been quite
outstripped in the race for supreme absurdity.

The birth is announced of a paper entitled

The Iroquois, a savage journal. The principal
editor is styled in its pages the "Red Cedar,"

and no doubt the other contributors

are dignified with equally barbarous names.

One of them is said to be Bird, Viscous, and

he is abandoned to his family friends for the

paint and the war feathers of literature, and

means henceforth to plead with the geese

quill for the equal and primitive rights of

man. It will be interesting to see what

success the habits and customs of the children

of the prairie grant themselves in those

of the Parisian journalists of the period.

It often times, when it was attempted to patch

up with rags from the Great and Bloody

world, the rest was scattered outburst of

the most pronounced character. Possibly, it

is supposed that in some unexplained manner

the inclusion of an uncivilized element may

have a humanizing influence. As for the

effect upon the social position and manner of

the journalists themselves, it may, perhaps,

be thought that they are already in a state

which cannot be altered for the worse. Con-

sidering the dunces and ferocious assaults and

other barbarous practices in vogue, the

transition to a state of Bed-Indianism would

not be so very great a change.—*676.*

HISTORY OF SERVIA.

The story of the Servian principality, from
the time when the Serbs first appear upon

the scene to the present day, is one long tale

of battle, murder, and sudden death. From

the days when the first tribal confederacy

had received a name and became the

Home province of Meiss, Superior to this

day, there has been no cessation of hostili-

ties, no security, and no rest from arms.

There was fighting for fifty years before the

Romans could subdue the mixture of Thra-

cians at Sastavci, who dwelt upon the

hills and the Sava, the Ostro-Goths

lying before the Huns brought fresh trouble;

and here, had these bad times to read the

Scriptures which ill-fated translated for them

when the Serbs made their appearance, and

things had to be re-settled after more fight-

ing, on a new basis. The kingdom of Servia

entered history in the 9th century. The new

conqueror, specially became Christians and

adherents of the Eastern Church. They

adopted a liturgy of their own which

still remains. They have been spiri-

tually directed by bishops of their own elec-

tion. Their language mixed as it is with

words and idioms of the races whom they

conquered, differs from other Slavonic

dialects; and thus, independently of other

causes, they have remained a separate people

with an individuality and character of their

own. The kingdom began by being what it

was, remained ever since a frontier State. On

the north, beyond the Danube were the Pagan

Huns. On the west was the Latin Church.

Later on it lay between the Islam and

Christianity, forming the line beyond

which the Western Church could not push

eastward or southward. The Greek Church

could not advance westward, and ill-marked

the line caused by the invading wave of

Mohammedan invasion. And it was subject

to all the evils which belong to a frontier

State, in being the battle field for contending

of the Crescent and the Cross.

As the Byzantine Empire decayed the Servian power increased; the Greeks made from time to

time an attempt to claim authority over the

advancing kingdom. These attempts ceased

when Constantine Monomachus, in 1043, at

his great army of invasion entirely cut to

pieces. After his Servian forces fled, advanced southward, not being stopped till

they reached the Sea of Marmora, and throw-

ing out lateral shoals of encroachment which

reached as far as the Adriatic and the Black

Sea. Its power diminished under Stephen

Dushan, who called himself Emperor of the

Mountain, wore a diadem, and ruled without

dispute nearly the whole of the Balkan

Peninsula. To his reign the Servians

look back with pride and regret; round

his name gather the traditions of past national

greatness, as their Solomons, their Alred,

their Charlemagne, and to his period belong

the beginning of a poetical literature which

for sweetness, melody, and true poetic genius

is almost unsurpassed. Stephan ruled over a

territory which seemed to possess every

element of stability; this people were united by

one religion, they were separated by that rea-

son from Western Europe, and by their politi-

cal system from the decaying Empire of

Constantinople; they held a country which

had not, in all the world, its equal for climate

and fertility, they were eminently warlike and

a hardy race. Moreover, Stephan had a

boundless ambition. He would be the

King of Servia; he would destroy the

Empire of the East, and be himself Constan-

tine's successor. He could together with a

host of 80,000 men, with which to effect his

purpose, and when he died, and the empire of

the world might have been his, consider what

the Servians had to offer.

Stephan's greatest task was to subdue the

Albanians in 1044; when Kara George drove

the routed Moslem from the country; when

Miloš Obrenović thought he should be able

to make his own terms, there has successively

been before the Servs the vision of a great

Servian kingdom, bounded by the Danube

on the north, the Bosphorus, and the Medi-

terranean on the south; whose eastern and

western limits are the shores of the Black

and the Adriatic Seas; and as Stephen

Dushan in his day would have driven the

Albanians from the Golden Horn, so

would Prince Milan now drive the Turks

across the Bosphorus, to make room for him

and his Servians.

The next son, Michel, was then elected.

After four years he, too, was deposed,

and Kara George's son, Alexander

Kara Georgievitch, chosen to succeed him.

Alexander got on pretty well on his unex-

pected throne for sixteen years, when in his turn

he was forced to abdicate. They called back

old Miloš, then in his 50th year. He came,

showed all his ancient vigour, and died

at the age of 70.

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ruled as far as the Adriatic and the Black

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